

the generations who lived a sinless, spotless life, the type of another of God's immaculate sons who born in after years of a Hebrew virgin, the well beloved who lived and died and rose again and ascended to heaven to redeem and save all who trust and obey and love.

## Our Young People

### MISSIONS: GROWTH OF THE KINGDOM

Psalm 72

Topic for Sept. 29

It is a curious law of the mind that anything to which we give our attention seems to be for the time being the only thing that exists. There may be other sights and sounds just as beautiful and vivid but the particular one which engages our attention shuts out all the rest.

For this reason our judgment is often biased. We are familiar with some things and from them judge of everything. A certain woman said to me "It seems that typhoid fever is lots worse than it used to be. It seems that everybody dies who gets it now." I inquired as to the extent of her observations and found that she knew of just three cases which had proven fatal, but from these she drew her astounding conclusion.

As we work among men we find drunkenness and avarice and frivolity on all sides and we hastily conclude that the world is growing worse and that the church itself is going to the dogs.

Not so fast. There is another set of facts to be considered. The leaven of the kingdom which was planted among men has not been idle nor unfruitful. It has the vitality of God himself and is destined to accomplish its work.

It is our pleasant privilege to look on this bright side of the picture as we study the topic for this week. It ought to inspire us to new zeal in our work of helping the kingdom in its onward march.

#### SCRIPTURE HELP

(Let the leader comment or have some one else explain each of these scriptures.)

1 The growth of the kingdom is certain because God himself is the founder of it. Dan. 2:44.

2 The kingdom is spiritual and hence is not to be propagated by the sword. John 18:36.

3 Jesus is the king. John 13:13. That is, he is the ideal, the type of all members of the kingdom.

4 The kingdom grows by others being quickened by Jesus' life to live like him. John 17:19.

5 Thus like the yeast plant growing in numbers until all the meal is leavened, the disciples of Jesus are to multiply until they fill the whole earth. Luke 13:20, 21; I Cor. 15:24, 25.

6 This will be by quiet, natural growth which most will fail to observe. Luke 17:20.

7 This growth will be permanent. The kingdom will endure forever. Dan. 7:13, 14.

#### FOR THOUGHT AND DISCUSSION

1 What is our part in spreading the knowledge of the kingdom? Matt. 28:19, 20.

2 What place has the gospel in the growth of the kingdom? Rom. 1:16.

3 What is the relation of the church and the kingdom? Matt. 16:18.

4 How can we help the kingdom by our private lives? Matt. 5:16.

5 How can we help the kingdom thru legislation? John 1:23; Rom. 13:3, 4.

6 Where does the kingdom flourish best? Jas. 2:5.

7 Explain Rom. 14:17.

8 (For everybody) How can the growth of the kingdom be hindered?

By worldliness, Phil. 3:18.

By impatience, I Cor. 9:12.

By riches, Mark 4:19.

By unbelief, Mark 6:5, 6.

(Name other ways.)

9 Explain I Cor. 3:6, 8, with reference to our part and God's part in the growth of the kingdom.

10 Why should the fact that we may help or hinder the kingdom inspire us to greater faithfulness?

11 Let there be an opportunity for miscellaneous talks or testimonies or scripture verses and for sentence prayers.

C. F. YODER.

#### From the General Secretary

Reference has already been made in these columns regarding the reorganization of the young people's societies under the constitution of the Y. P. S. C. E. According to the constitution adopted there should be appointed a secretary in each district that should in every way further the work in his district. This secretary shall arrange the program for the young people's work at the district conferences and shall preside at these meetings. He shall also make an annual report to the general secretary regarding the condition of the work in his district.

The following secretaries were elected by the various districts.

M.d and Va., Dr. V. M. Reichard  
Penn., Mrs. L. S. Bauman  
Ohio, Perry Clapper  
Indiana, G. W. Rench  
Illiokota, Miss Emma Puterbaugh  
Kanemorado, Liva Lichty

California has no secretary owing to its not being represented in the general Conference. It is to be hoped that some one in the state, who so appreciates the urgency and worth of our work to the church as to act as secretary until some one shall be duly elected. If there is some such person I wish he or she would write me at once,

#### OUR DISTRICT CONFERENCES.

Conferences will soon be held in several districts of the church and it is hoped that the work of the young people will be given a place on the program. If formal programs can not be arranged for, at least make room for an address by the secretary of the district. The secretary ought also arrange for side conferences for the benefit of workers that may be present. These can be made interesting and instructive. The secretary should make a report of all such meetings through the EVANGELIST.

#### THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD.

This is the official organ of the Y. P. S. C. E. There should be a copy in each society and every person that has anything whatever to do with the work of the society ought also have a copy. Parents can place no better paper in the home than this one. Quite a number of our people are already subscribers. The price is one dollar a year. It will be of some advantage to our general work if you would subscribe for the paper through the general secretary.

#### TOPICS AND NOTES.

Bro. Yoder will continue to make the notes for us. He could do no better. I know of no helps more valuable, especially from a scriptural standpoint than those of Bro. Yoder.

There has been some demand that these

notes be published apart from the EVANGELIST so that a copy could be given to each member of the society. The copy can be lifted from the form of the EVANGELIST and printed and mailed at the rate of twenty cents a hundred per week providing five hundred or more would be taken. These topics could be printed so as to reach the various societies two weeks in advance. They will be printed and may be folded in form suitable for carrying in the pocket. No one will then have excuse for not studying the topic. If the various societies will write me at once how many topics each will take at the price set I can arrange for the printing. If you want less than one hundred the price will be in the same proportion. Write quickly.

#### PAINTING FUND.

We have not yet paid for the painting of the buildings of Ashland College. We must needs meet our obligation. It was decided at Conference that we proceed at once to raise this amount. Let us proceed at once. Let us give another pull, a mighty pull, an all pull together and the debt can be raised. Can we not set Sunday, Oct. 20 as a day of special offering toward this fund? Let the district secretaries urge this as much as possible upon the societies.

W. D. FURRY.

## Missions

### Chicago Mission

On our arrival home from the general conference, we found so much work awaiting us, and so many interests absorbing our time and talent, that to get ready any report seemed out of the question till now. We had prepared a report of the Chicago mission to be read to the Conference, but at the time we were called on the program, we were out on Committee work and when we arrived in the assembly, the matter of purchasing a property for a church home in Chicago, had already been mentioned to Conference, and all seemed so much interested in it, that we were requested to forego our report on the condition of the work, and describe the church property we contemplated purchasing. It was a happy surprise to us, to find the interest in our Chicago work so general and so deep. Our friends may judge that our little band in this big city, as well as their pastor, were much happier than we found words to express ourselves. Nothing that we ever did in our life was so great a pleasure to us, as the ten or fifteen minutes we stood on that platform telling our dear brethren and sisters about the property we hoped to see purchased for the Chicago work. And our happiness was greater still, when the Conference unanimously, by rising vote, endorsed the judgment of the Board, and proceeded at once to raise the three hundred dollars to be paid as a forfeit on the property. When the offerings were all in, the tellers reported nearly eight hundred dollars had been subscribed